

Questions to Ask Your Dentist

When your child has a cavity in a baby tooth

Child's name:

Date:

Tooth:

UNDERSTANDING THE TOOTH

- ☐ How much longer is this tooth expected to stay in?
- ☐ How did you decide this was the best approach for my child?
- ☐ Do we need to act now? What are the benefits, drawbacks and other suitable options?

IF THE PLAN IS TO MONITOR

- ☐ What are we watching for?
- ☐ What would mean we should come back sooner?
- ☐ When is the follow-up visit, and what should we do at home until then?

IF TREATMENT IS RECOMMENDED

- ☐ What will the treatment involve?
- ☐ How will my child be kept comfortable and how will the team help if he is anxious?
- ☐ If the tooth cannot be saved, is a space maintainer needed?

WHAT I WANT MY DENTIST TO KNOW

What worries me most:

What our family can manage (appointments, home care):

NOTES FROM THE VISIT

DON'T WAIT FOR THE NEXT APPOINTMENT IF...

Your child has tooth pain, avoids chewing on one side, or has a bump or swelling on the gum: contact their dentist. For facial swelling, call right away. For trouble breathing or swallowing, seek emergency medical care immediately.